



# 2015 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WARRIOR GAMES



## WARRIOR PROFILE



**NAME** MATT GRASHEN

**Rank** E-3/Lance Corporal

**Status** Veteran

**Service Branch and MOS** USMC/0311 Rifleman

**Hometown** Chicago, Illinois

**Current Location** San Diego, California

**Injury or Illness** Bilateral Above Knee Amputation

**Event(s)** Field and Wheelchair Basketball

## PERSONAL PROFILE

Lance Cpl. Grashen graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School in May 2008. He attended Marine Corps recruit training in May 2011 at MCRD San Diego, Calif. Lance Cpl. Grashen graduated recruit training August 12, 2011. He then reported to Infantry Training Battalion-West at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, Ca. Lance Cpl. Grashen graduated November 1, 2011, as a 0311 infantry rifleman and was promoted to private first class.

On November 2, 2011, Lance Cpl. Grashen reported to 3rd, Battalion, 9th Marines, at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. On May 2012 he underwent CAX training at 29 Palms in California. He was promoted to lance corporal on July 1, 2012.

Lance Cpl. Grashen reported to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, on November 1, 2013, at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. He then deployed to Afghanistan in March 2013. Lance Cpl. Grashen was severely injured by an improvised explosive device on August 1, 2013, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He suffered a double amputation of both his legs.

Lance Cpl. Grashen was sent to Walter Reed Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., on August 7, 2013. He then checked in to Wounded Warrior Battalion-East. There he started the beginning stages of his physical therapy. After three months of therapy, Lance Cpl. Grashen was able to stand and walk on his prosthetics. On August 7, 2014, he reported in to Wounded Warrior Battalion-West at Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, Calif.

